The General Assembly established this Board by Chapter 150, Acts of 1884. The Governor appoints its nine members for six-year terms with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. He appoints two members biennially from a list of four practicing dentists furnished by the Maryland State Dental Association. Until 1970, the Board consisted of six members. Chapter 503 of the Acts of 1970 enlarged the membership of the Board by providing for the appointment of additional members in 1971, 1973 and 1975 until the full membership is reached. The Dental Practice Act of the State provides that this Board regulate the practice of dentistry by testing the qualifications of candidates for licenses in dentistry and in dental hygiene.

All applicants for licenses to practice dentistry must be at least twenty-one years of age and graduates of dental colleges duly incorporated to grant degrees in Dental Surgery by the laws of one of the United States or Canada. All applicants for a license to practice dental hygiene must be graduates of a school for dental hygienists requiring Examiners. Examinations, held twice every year, are both written and practical. Every dentist and every dental hygienist must register annually (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 32).

Appropriations 1974 Special Funds \$24,990 \$25,489 Staff: None.

STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

President: Arlington Phillips, 1975 Vice President: Jack Levinson, 1975 Treasurer: Norman Dennis, 1975 Secretary: George J. Gonce, 1975

Joseph F. Ambrose, 1975; Bernard O. Hardesty, Sr., 1975; Walter G. Dabrowski, 1975; C. Byron Knight, 1975; C. Miller Waltz, Jr., 1975.

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The State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, created as the State Board of Undertakers by Chapter 160, Acts of 1902, received its present name by Chapter 503, Acts of 1937. The Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and by and with the consent of the Senate appoints the nine members of the Board for four-year terms. Four members must be residents of Baltimore City, and five must be residents of the counties. The Commissioner of Health serves as an ex officio member of the Board. Evcry person carrying on the business of funeral directing and embalming in the State must register with, and procure a license from, the Board. Each establishment is to be licensed annually.

The Board must renew licenses annually, and it has the power to suspend or revoke any license. The Board makes regulations for the enforcement of provisions in the laws regarding funeral directing and embalming. In general, the laws deal with qualifications and examinations of applicants for license and registration. Examinations are held annually at a time and place to be fixed by the Board (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43, secs. 339-63). By Chapter 443, Acts of 1971, the Board issues licenses for funeral establishments (Code 1957, 1971 Repl.

Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 43, sec. 361).

Appropriations 1973 1974 Special Funds \$36,776 \$36,416 Staff: 1.